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- 1. US-USSR DETENTE SURVIVED THE NEW YEAR, AT LEAST ON SOVIET TV. THE MAJOR CHANNEL MADE THE SWITCH FROM 1975 TO 1976 IN A STUDIO MOCK-UP OF A NIGHT CLUB FEATURING LIVE ACTS INTERSPERSED WITH FILMED SEQUENCES STAGED TO APPEAR AS THOUGH THEY WERE ALSO TAKING PLACE IN THE "NIGHT CLUB."
- 2. AMONG THE FILMED SEGMENTS IN 1975 WERE AT LEAST TWO SPOTS ON THE NEW YORK JAZZ REPERTORY COMPANY (WHICH TOURED THE USSR LAST SUMMER). TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS WAS THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF THIS GROUP ON SOVIET TV. AT TEN MINUTES TO TWELVE, THE SCENE SHIFTED FROM THE CLUB TO STILL SHORT OF MOSCOW WHILE A SONOROUS NARRATOR TOLD US HOW THE GREAT SOVIET PEOPLE, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF LEONID BREZHNEV, HAD CONTINUED TO BUILD SOCIALISM IN 1975.
- 3. IF ANYONE STILL AWAKE AFTER 12 WAS WATCHING TV, THE NIGHT CLUB WAS AGAIN ON THE SCREEN AND TWO MORE FILM CLIPS FEATURED COUNT BASIE AT THE PIANO AND ASTRONAUTS STAFFORD, BRANDT AND SLAYTON JOINING COSMONAUTS LEONOV AND KUBASOV IN A SALUTE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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